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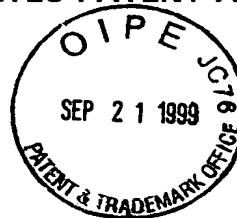
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PREPARING AND ANALYZING LOW
VOLUME ANALYTE ARRAY ELEMENTS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 17, 1999, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7, 8, 35-39, 52 and 53 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 91-101 as follows:

—91. The method of claim 1, wherein the mass spectrometry format is matrix assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry.—

—92. The method of claim 31, wherein the mass spectrometry format is matrix assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry.—

—93. The method of claim 40, wherein the mass spectrometry format is matrix assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry.—

—94. The method of claim 70, wherein the mass spectrometry format is matrix assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry.—

—95. The method of claim 1, wherein each spot on the array is of a size produced by a dispensed volume of from 10^{-10} to 10^{-6} L.—

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